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1. IN A MEETING WITH THE PAO AND CAO YESTERDAY, WARSAW UNIVERSITY RECTOR RYBICKI INDICATED THAT THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAD NOT GIVEN ITS FINAL APPROVAL TO THE AGREEMENT INITIALED LAST OCTOBER BETWEEN INDIANA UNIVERSITY AND HIS INSITUION. RYBICKI WAS VISIBLY PERTURBED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT BOTH FROM THE STANDPOINT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO OPEN THE ASC IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR AND BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF MINISTRY SUPPORT FOR A PROGRAM HE BELIEVES WORTHWHILE. HE USED STRONG, NON-ACADEMIC LANGUAGE IN EXPRESSING HIS FRUSTRATION WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2. RYBICKI SAID MORE TIME WOULD BE NEEDED TO WORK OUT THE ADDITIONAL MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASC. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE MINISTRY IS NOW SEEKING RECIPROCITY IN SOME FORM IN THE U.S. FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASC AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY WILL NEED TIME TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISH-
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MENTO OF A POLISH STUDIES CENTER ON ITS CAMPUS AND

THAT THIS IS A NEW ASPECT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO UNIVERSITIES. THE POLISH CENTER IN THE U.S., RECIPROCALLY, WOULD HAVE AN AMERICAN DIRECTOR.

3. IN ORDER TO GAIN FURTHER TIME FOR THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASC AND ALSO IN ORDER TO INITIATE THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, RYBICKI SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK PERMISSION FROM THE MINISTRY TO BRING PROFESSORS FARHAM AND HEDIN TO WARSAW AS VISITING PROFESSORS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1975/76. FARHAM AND HEDIN WOULD PURSUE THEIR NORMAL ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WHILE BEING CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, THE FINAL DETAILS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASC.

4. RYBICKI WILL INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT RECIPROCITY IN THE U.S. THIS YEAR WILL CONSIST OF THE REGULAR ILLINOIS-WARSAW HISTORY PROFESSOR EXCHANGE AND THE FULL GRADUATE-RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP ALREADY OFFERED BY INDIANA UNIVERSITY TO WARSAW UNIVERSITY (HEDIN WOULD COME TO WARSAW AS PART OF THIS EXCHANGE).

5. THE EMBASSY WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSAL. RECTOR RYBICKI IS TODAY ATTEMPTING TO GET APPROVAL FROM THE MINISTRY FOR THIS ALTERNATE PLAN, BUT CAUTIONED THAT WE ARE BEGINNING A THREE-DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND AND THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO REACH THE RIGHT OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY BEFORE MONDAY, MAY 12.

6. AS SOON AS MINISTRY APPROVAL FOR THIS ALTERNATE PLAN HAS BEEN OBTAINED, RECTOR RYBICKI WILL WRITE TO PRESIDENT RYAN WITH A INFORMAL PROPOSAL. THE EMBASSY WILL POUCH THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT RYAN AND INFORM THE DEPARTMENT ASAP OF THE MINISTRY'S DECISION.
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